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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to calculating filing fees and examining this application, please enter the following remarks and amendments into the record:

In The Claims:

Please cancel claims 14 to 21, and 23 to 25.

Please amend the following claims:

B1 1 (amended). A composition for oral use comprising a calcium compound and an acidulant wherein calcium is present in the range of 0.3 to 0.65 mol per mol of acid and the proportion of calcium and acidulant in the composition is selected so that the effective pH of the solid or semi-solid composition is from 3.5 to 4.5.

4 (amended). A composition as claimed in claim 1 in which the calcium is present in an amount of at least 0.4 mol per mol of acid .

B2 5 (amended). A composition as claimed in claim 1 in which the effective pH of the composition is not more than 4.

6 (amended). A composition as claimed in claim 5 in which the effective pH is from 3.7 to 3.9.

7 (amended). A composition as claimed in claim 1 in which the acid is citric acid, malic acid or lactic acid or mixtures thereof.